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SUBJECT: FRG RELATIONS WITH CHILE

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON SCHULENBURG OF FONMIN SEPTEMBER 25  
TO INFORM HIM OF US REPLY TO CHILEAN NOTE AND TO  
DISCUSS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN FRG-CHILEAN RELATIONS.  
PRESS REPORTED SEPTEMBER 24 THAT A TWO-MAN DELEGATION  
CONSISTING OF SPD BUNDESTAG MEMBERS WISCHNEWSKI AND  
BRUECK HAD DEPARTED TO SANTIAGO THE PREVIOUS DAY.

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SCHULENBURG SAID WISCHNEWSKI MISSION HAD A SPECIFIC

PURPOSE AND A MORE GENERAL ONE. IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE WAS TO SEEK RELEASE OF FIVE GERMAN NATIONALS REPORTED TO BE UNDER ARREST. (TWO STUDENTS HAVE IN MEANTIME BEEN RELEASED. OTHER THREE, ACCORDING TO SCHULENBURG, ARE IN PROVINCES AND THEIR RELEASE, ASSUMING THEY WERE NOT INVOLVED IN ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO NEW REGIME, WILL PROBABLY TAKE A BIT LONGER.)

2. MORE GENERAL PURPOSE OF WISCHNEWSKI'S TRIP, SCHULENBURG SAID, WAS TO LOOK INTO CONDITIONS IN CHILE AND TO BRING HOME TO CHILE'S LEADERS THE URGENT NEED TO CULTIVATE THEIR IMAGE FAIRLY CAREFULLY IF THEY ARE NOT TO ALIENATE PUBLIC OPINION IN FRG AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO A POINT WHERE BROAD AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS WITH CHILE, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, WOULD BE POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SUSTAIN.

3. A NUMBER OF FACTORS COMBINE, ACCORDING TO SCHULENBURG TO MAKE FONOFF REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT FRG INTERESTS WILL BE GIVEN ALL DUE CONSIDERATION BY THE NEW CHILEAN REGIME. CHILEAN ARMY ATTACHE IN BONN IS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF INTERIOR MINISTER BONILLA AND IS URGING FULL COOPERATION WITH WISCHNEWSKI MISSION. BONILLA WAS IN BONN RECENTLY AS A FEW MONTHS AGO AND WAS PLEASED WITH THE VISIT. FONOFF, SCHULENBURG SAID, HAS OBSERVED THAT A NUMBER OF "OLD FRIENDS," WITH WHOM FRG HAS WORKED WELL IN THE PAST, ARE REOCCUPYING POSITIONS IN CHILEAN FOREIGN OFFICE.

4. FRG AID MINISTER EPPLER HAS MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT INDICATING "PROVISIONAL" DECISION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOT TO STOP DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO CHILE. EPPLER SAID: "THIS GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS ORIENTED ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TOWARD THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM THE PROJECTS ARE ESTABLISHED, AND NOT TOWARD GOVERNMENTS." NATURALLY, EPPLER ADDED, IT MIGHT PROVE IMPOSSIBLE UNDER PREVAILING CONDITIONS TO MAINTAIN ONE PROJECT OR ANOTHER.

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